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LETTER DATED 14 SEPTEMBER FROM THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS TO THE FOURTH REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE

I have the honour to refer to the letter and text attached thereto of the delegation of the Republic of Turkey, issued as a conference document NPT/CONF.IV/43, and request that tha text attached herewith be circulated as an official Conference document to be included in the Final Document.

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Annex

Cyprus formally registers its rejection of Turkey's "reservation" with regard to the participation of Cyprus in the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, as such "reservation" is legally null and void with no consequences whatsoever.

The Republic of Cyprus and its Government enjoy universal recognition. Cyprus is a member state of the United Nations, the Non-Aligned Movement, the Commonwealth, the Council of Europe and other International Organizations and its Government is fully recognized by all members of these Organizations, with the sole exception of Turkey, i.e. the power occupying 37% of the territory of Cyprus in grave breach of International Law.

The independence and sovereignty of the Republic of Cyprus as well as the legality of the Government of Cyprus have been recognized also in a series of the UN Security Council Resolutions, notably the Resolution of 4 March 1964 and all ensuing relevant Resolutions, in particular Resolutions 541(1983) 550(1984) and the most recent one 657 of June 15, 1990.

The fact that Turkey, in violation of the UN Charter, and in defiance of all principles governing international relations invaded the Republic of Cyprus in 1974 with the aim to destroy its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, does not affect the sovereignty of the Republic over its entire territory nor it affects the single international personality of the Republic of Cyprus or the representative capacity of its legal Government. The fact that Turkey has the audacity to mention that she is the only country that has unlawfully recognized the pseudostate is not only proof of her persistence in contemptuously ignoring mandatory UN Security Council Resolutions but also that the international legal order means nothing to the state that committed aggression against Cyprus.

In furtherance of her aims Turkey and her official organs have been causing to the people of Cyprus immense suffering. Turkey, illegally expelled almost the 80% of the population of the territory it occupied i.e. turned about 200.000 people - one third of the population of Cyprus - into refugees and have committed unprecedented attrocities against the Greek Cypriot population - who form the 80% of the total population of Cyprus. For all these actions Turkey was found responsible of grossly violating the European Convention of Human Rights during the examination of the applications submitted by the Govenment of Cyprus against the Government of Turkey before the European Commission of Human Rights. The latter had declared admissible all these applications lodged by Cyprus against Turkey under Article 24 of the European Convention on Human Rights and rejected Turkey's argument that the applicant Government were not entitled to represent the Republic of Cyprus.

The attempted secession of part of the Republic of Cyprus was condemned by the Security Council Res. 541(1983) which also considered it as legally invalid and called for its withdrawal. It also called upon all states not to recognize any Cypriot state other than the Republic of Cyprus and not to facilitate or in any way assist the secessionist entity. On the other hand, Security Council Res. 550(1984), condemned all secessionist actions, including the purported exchange of ambassadors between Turkey and the Turkish Cypriot leadership, declared them illegal and invalid and called for their immediate withdrawal.